

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

Date: December 9, 2021

Re: DES update

- Each elementary classroom received an additional Chromebook in order to more fully implement our new Headsprout program. This is an online literacy program that students access for a few minutes as a literacy center while the teacher is meeting with small reading groups. It's a differentiated program that the students are finding very engaging. This program came highly recommended from Amanda VanDerHayden (Spring Math creator) as we have been attempting to find a literacy equivalent of a Spring Math style program.
- Holiday activities include:
 - Christmas Carol "Name That Tune" during morning announcements.
 - Our traditional All School Holiday Sing Along will happen over the PA so each classroom can stay in their cohort.
 - Each classroom has their own special things happening like mischievous elves who visit in the night, extra art projects and the ever-important Christmas party.
- Six elementary families have been adopted by local community groups or will receive gifts from the school through this year's donation campaign that has been organized by the HS Pals group. A big thank you to Tania Dupuis, Heather Lloyd and Ethan Felsing for organizing this big undertaking to help families have a memorable Christmas.